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SUBJECT: OPENING OF EMBASSIES IN US AND GDR; PRESS

GUIDANCE

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1. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES RE LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO REMODEL HEINRICH MANN STRASSE RESIDENCE, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO INDICATE ANY OVERLY FIRM DATE FOR OPENING OF EMBASSIES.

2. DCM DESIGNATE ELM YESTERDAY PROPOSED TO DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF GDR THAT AMBASSADOR COOPER FOREGO ANY REMODELLING AND OCCUPY HOUSE ON AS-IS BASIS. HE HAD NO IDEA HOW LONG GDR ESTIMATED WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE JOB, BUT SAID IT COULD NOT BE FINISHED IN TIME FOR AMBASSADOR'S PROJECTED ARRIVAL ON DECEMBER 3. WE REPLIED THAT WE COULD MAKE NO DECISION WITHOUT KNOWING TIME FRAMES INVOLVED, AND HE UNDERTOOK TO FIND OUT MORE EXACT INFORMATION. FYI: WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS IN DETAIL WITH ARCHITECT BEATTY AND AMBASSADOR COOPER

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THIS AFTERNOON. END FYI.

3. CONCERNING OPENING DATE COMMENTS TO PRESS, WE RECOMMEND
STRAIGHTFORWARD LINKAGE WITH PREPARATION OF BUILDINGS FOR
OCCUPANCY. A SUITABLE STATEMENT WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE ADVANCE PARTY OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED
FOR THE EMBASSY IS DISCUSSING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
FURBISHING OF QUARTERS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR.
THE OPENING DATE OF THE EMBASSY WILL DEPEND UPON THE
FINAL PREPARATION OF PREMISES. THIS WILL HOPEFULLY
OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT WE CANNOT AT THE MOMENT
PINPOINT ANY DATE. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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